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## INTERNAZIONALI BNL D'ITALIA – DAY ONE

### ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #46) vs. [WC] JASMINE PAOLINI (ITA #99)

#### First meeting

**Sevastova** enjoyed a successful clay season last year, lifting her fourth WTA title at Jurmala... **Paolini** enters this week's tournament ranked No.99, six spots shy of her career-high ranking

### [WC] CAMILA GIORGI (ITA #69) vs. DAYANA YASTREMSKA (UKR #29)

#### Series tied 1-1

**Giorgi** saved two match points when she defeated the Ukrainian at 2020 Palermo... **Yastremaska** bidding to record maiden win in Rome, having suffered a 1r exit upon debut last year

### [10] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #17) vs. EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #29)

#### Alexandrova leads 2-0

**Rybakina** is making her tournament debut in Rome. The Kazakh No.1 captured her career first title on clay last year at Bucharest... **Alexandrova** is aiming for her sixth career Top 20 victory today

### AMANDA ANISIMOVA (USA #27) vs. [16] DONNA VEKIC (CRO #28)

#### First meeting

**Anisimova** enjoyed a phenomenal clay swing in 2019, winning her first title at Bogota and reaching SFs at Roland Garros... **Vekic** returns to Rome having withdrawn last year due to a right hip injury

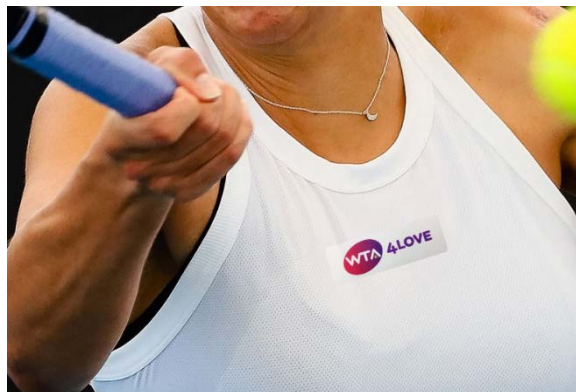
### HSIEH SU-WEI (TPE #62) vs. [11] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #20)

#### Mertens leads 2-1

**Hsieh** is contesting her first event since the Tour's five-month hiatus and is looking for her first singles victory of 2020... **Mertens** enters Rome with a Tour-leading 23 match wins in 2020

## WTA4LOVE – SUPPORTING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY

- As part of the ongoing humanitarian campaign, WTA4Love, more than **100 community initiatives** have been undertaken by WTA players and partners since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March.
- Many players are stepping up again to raise awareness by wearing **WTA4Love patches** during competition in support of the ongoing campaign as we return to play.
- WTA4Love initiatives have provided COVID-19 support ranging from donations of medical equipment to hospitals, including **30,000 masks** donated to medical professionals through the efforts of the players and WTA Charities.
- Food insecurity has also been addressed by providing **24,000 meals** to families and frontline workers and through fundraisers for local foodbanks. WTA Charities will continue to support the ongoing needs of communities with upcoming donations of **100,000 meals** in partnership with Lilly Pulitzer.
- “WTA4Love” is a global campaign with activities and donations by players and WTA Charities in **14 of the countries** which are home to WTA tournaments and most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including China, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States, among others.
- In addition to the urgent focus on the COVID-19 pandemic, WTA Charities has continued to support a wide range of nonprofit organizations including **live video chats** teaching leadership and character development to youth and **offering support and positive messaging** to Special Olympics participants.
- For more information on each player’s specific activities, please contact WTA Communications Manager, Teyva Sammet [TSammet@wtatennis.com](mailto:TSammet@wtatennis.com)



## A SNAPSHOT OF 2020 – THE YEAR SO FAR

- **One Top 10 Debut:** Sofia Kenin (at No.7 on February 3)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Jennifer Brady (24, Lexington)
- **Lowest-ranked player to triumph:** Patricia Maria Tig (No.88, Istanbul)
- **Multiple finals:** Elena Rybakina: 4 (Shenzhen, R-Up, Hobart, W, St. Petersburg, R-Up, Dubai, R-Up); Sofia Kenin: 2 (Australian Open, W, Lyon, W); Simona Halep: 2 (Dubai, W, Prague, W); Naomi Osaka: 2 (Western & Southern Open, R-Up, US Open, W); Victoria Azarenka: 2 (Western & Southern Open, W, US Open, R-Up)
- **Maiden titles (3):** Ekaterina Alexandrova (Shenzhen), Jennifer Brady (Lexington), Patricia Maria Tig (Istanbul)
- **Youngest title winner:** Elena Rybakina, Hobart (20y 7m 1d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Serena Williams, Auckland (38y 3m 17d)
- **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina – 155, Garbiñe Muguruza – 128, Kristyna Pliskova – 125
- **Most aces in a match (22):** Alison Van Uytvanck (l. vs. Sofia Kenin 7-6(5) 6-7(2) 7-6(2) – Lyon, SF)
- **Match win leaders:** Elise Mertens – 23, Elena Rybakina – 22, Anett Kontaveit – 19, Sofia Kenin – 18
- **Most doubles titles (3):** Barbora Strycova / Hsieh Su-Wei (Brisbane, Dubai, Doha)
- **Best result by a qualifier (R-Up):** Kung (Hua Hin), Fernandez (Acapulco), Bouchard (Istanbul)
- **Longest match:** 3h 33m – Heather Watson d. Elise Mertens 6-7(5) 6-4 7-5 (Hobart, QF)
- **Shortest (completed) match:** 44m – Serena Williams d. Amanda Anisimova 6-1 6-1 (Auckland, SF)



# MATCH NOTES

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## ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #46) vs. [WC] JASMINE PAOLINI (ITA #99)

Head to Head: 0-0

ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA	WTA RANKING	JASMINE PAOLINI
46		99
491	<b>PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD</b>	111
13-04-1990 (30)	<b>DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)</b>	04-01-1996 (24)
\$144,579	<b>YTD PRIZE MONEY</b>	\$83,604
\$7,423,954	<b>CAREER PRIZE MONEY</b>	\$470,464
0 / 4	<b>SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)</b>	0 / 0
0 / 0	<b>DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)</b>	0 / 0
3-3	<b>ROME W-L (MD) *</b>	0-1
2-9 / 178-145	<b>YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *</b>	1-4 / 10-22
2-1 / 58-49	<b>YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *</b>	1-1 / 5-2
2-3 / 40-39	<b>YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *</b>	0-0 / 2-2
0-1 / 65-41	<b>YTD / CAREER CLAY W-L (MD) *</b>	1-2 / 8-14
0-1 / 10-11	<b>YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *</b>	0-0 / 1-1
0-0 / 3-13	<b>YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD &amp; Q) *</b>	0-0 / 0-1
1-1 / 10-24	<b>YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD &amp; Q) *</b>	0-0 / 0-1
1-4 / 19-47	<b>YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD &amp; Q) *</b>	0-0 / 1-3

\* Updated through entering 2020 Rome 1r

### ROME Tournament Performance - 2020

"-Q" Qualifying match

Rnd	Result	Duration	Rnd	Result	Duration
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### ROME Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

#### ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA

2019		
R1	L - BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #15)	2-6 6-3 6-2
2018		
R16	L - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #2)	6-2 5-7 6-3
2017		
R2	L - ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #17)	7-6(4) 6-2

#### JASMINE PAOLINI

2019		
R1	L - SOFIA KENIN (USA #37)	6-1 6-2
2015		
R1-Q	L - MONICA NICULESCU (ROU #67)	7-6(1) 2-6 6-0

## SEVASTOVA:

### Rome

- Making third consecutive appearance here in Rome
- Best result achieved in 2018 when she advanced to R16 (l. Wozniacki)
- In today's 1r match up, faces wildcard Paolini for their first career meeting – the winner of today's match will move on to face top seed Simona Halep in 2r
- One of two Latvian's in this week's main draw, joined by Ostapenko
- Enjoyed a successful clay season last year, lifted her fourth WTA title in Jurmala (d. Kawa in final) and advanced to QF at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and R16 at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Vondrousova), Madrid (l. eventual champion Bertens) and Bucharest (l. eventual R-Up Tig)

### Season

- Achieved second match win of the season at US Open to reach 2r (d. Gauff, l. Kostyuk)
- Prior to US Open, had fallen 1r at every Tour level event contested this season, at Brisbane (l. Kenin), Adelaide (l. Vekic), Australian Open (l. Tomljanovic), Dubai (l. Vondrousova), Doha (l. Kontaveit), Prague (l. Begu) and Western & Southern Open (l. Mladenovic)
- Her first win this season came during Latvia's 3-2 Fed Cup loss to USA, handing S.Williams her first-ever singles loss in the competition

### Grand Slam History

- Contested 29th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 US Open
- Best results have been at US Open, making SF in 2018 (l. S.Williams). Fell at QF stage on two occasions, in 2016 (l. Wozniacki) and 2017 (l. Stephens)
- Best results elsewhere are reaching R16 at Australian Open in 2011 (l. Wozniacki) and 2019 (l. eventual champion Osaka), and 2019 Roland Garros (l. Vondrousova)
- Made 3r at 2017 Roland Garros; this was the first time a Latvian woman reached 3r in the Open Era (also eventual champion Ostapenko). Latvian-born Larisa Savchenko advanced to 3r in 1984 and 1989 whilst representing the USSR
- At Wimbledon, has reached 2r in 2017 and 2019

### Career Highlights

- Finished 2019 ranked No. 27 for fourth consecutive Top 50 finish. Captured fourth career title at inaugural home event in Jurmala
- Also in 2019 advanced to R16 for the first time at Roland Garros (l. Vondrousova); saved 5mp during 3h 21m 3r win over Mertens
- Other standout results included SF run at Mallorca (l. eventual champion Kenin), reaching R16 at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Osaka) and QF runs at Brisbane (l. Osaka) and Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Kvitova)
- Recorded second Top 20 season in 2018 (also No.16 in 2017), finishing No.11 and posted a career-high number of wins (43)
- Lifted third title of her career on clay in Bucharest (d. Martic in F) and reached first Premier Mandatory final at Beijing (l. Wozniacki in F); now 4-4 in singles finals
- Was the second of two singles alternates for WTA Finals in Singapore and fell in round robin stage at WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai
- Flushing Meadows run saw her become the first Latvian woman to reach SF there, upsetting No.7 Svitolina and No.3 Stephens en route.
- Captured second career singles title and first in seven years at 2017 Mallorca (d. Goerges in F)

- In 2016, played first full season since 2012, reaching two singles finals at Mallorca (I. Garcia) and Bucharest (I. Halep), as well as first Grand Slam QF of career at US Open
- Retired from professional tennis in May 2013 due to various injuries – mostly muscular and back-related – but returned to competition at ITF level in January 2015 after body had fully healed
- During tennis break studied leisure management
- Prior to break, won first singles title at 2010 Oeiras – becoming first Latvian to win a WTA title in 17 years (since Savchenko at Schenectady in 1993)
- Made Top 100 debut on July 13, 2009, Top 50 debut on October 11, 2010 and Top 20 debut on May 15, 2017
- Played first WTA event at 2007 Istanbul; made Slam main draw debut as qualifier at 2009 Roland Garros
- Member of Latvian Fed Cup Team 2005-06, 2008-10, 2018-20

### **Personal**

- Trains and resides in Liepaja, Latvia and coached by Ronald Schmidt
- Mother is Diana Golovanova (English teacher)
- Started playing at age six, introduced to the sport by her grandmother, played for fun until she was 15
- Speaks Latvian, English, Russian, German
- Other sports interests are soccer and jet skiing

## **PAOLINI:**

### **Rome**

- Making second main draw appearance as a wildcard at Rome and third appearance overall
- Suffered 1r exit to Kenin last year and fell during qualifying in 2015
- One of five wildcards in this year's singles draw; best result by a wildcard here were SF showings from Pierce in 1995 and S.Williams in 2010
- Faces No.46 Sevastova today; owns 2-13 career record against Top 50-ranked opponents, with wins coming over No.15 Kasatkina at 2018 Prague and No.37 S.Zheng at 2019 Guangzhou
- Enters this week's tournament ranked No.99, just six spots shy of her career-high ranking of No.93 achieved on March 2, 2020. Last year, entered Rome ranked No.210

### **Season**

- Coming off 2r showing at Istanbul (I. Hercog)
- Fell 1r at Prague (I. eventual R-Up Mertens) and during qualifying at Western & Southern Open
- Advanced to 2r at Palermo (d. Kasatkina, I. Sasnovich)
- Suffered 1r exit at Australian Open (I. Blinkova)
- Fell during qualifying at Shenzhen, Adelaide, Dubai and Monterrey

### **Grand Slam History**

- 2020 US Open marked her third Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Appeared in maiden Grand Slam main draw at 2019 Roland Garros (as qualifier, I. Kasatkina)
- Has fallen in qualifying on 11 occasions, most recently at 2019 US Open
- Contested Australian and US Opens as a junior

### **Career Highlights**

- Posted career-high ranking of No.93 on March 2, 2020
- 2019 season highlights include QF showings at Guangzhou and Palermo, a SF run at WTA 125K Series event at Karlsruhe, lifting seventh, eighth and ninth ITF Circuit title of her career, at \$60K Brescia-ITA, \$25K ITF/Curtiba-BRA and \$100K ITF/Tokyo-JPN, and qualifying for maiden Grand Slam main draw at Roland Garros (l. Kasatkina in 1r)
- Ended 2018 ranked No.180, with season highlight a maiden WTA singles QF at Prague (d. No.15 Kasatkina, l. Zhang)
- Also in 2018, made 2r at Bogota and fell 1r at Shenzhen, Acapulco and Bucharest
- Posted first Top 200 season in 2017, finishing at No.137. During campaign made WTA main draw debut at Bastad (l. Suarez Navarro in 1r) and also fell 1r at Guangzhou and in qualifying a further three times
- Posted career-high ranking of No.130 on June 19, 2017
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2015 Rome
- Part of Italy Fed Cup team 2017-19
- Owns nine singles and one doubles title on ITF Circuit
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Italy in 2011

### **Personal**

- Currently coached by Renzo Furlan
- Father Ugo Paolini is Italian and mother Jacqueline Gardiner is of Ghanaian and Polish descent
- Favorite shot is her forehand and favorite surface is clay



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## [WC] CAMILA GIORGI (ITA #69) vs. DAYANA YASTREMSKA (UKR #29)

Head to Head: 1-1

2020	PALERMO	CLAY O	QF	CAMILA GIORGI	4-6	7-6(5)	6-3	172 mins
2019	WIMBLEDON	GRASS O	R1	DAYANA YASTREMSKA	6-3	6-3		68 mins

CAMILA GIORGI	WTA RANKING	DAYANA YASTREMSKA
69	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	29
39	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	17
30-12-1991 (28)	YTD PRIZE MONEY	15-05-2000 (20)
\$153,511	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$269,565
\$3,909,329	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	\$1,897,142
0 / 2	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 3
0 / 0	ROME W-L (MD) *	0 / 0
1-2	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	0-1
10-6 / 151-136	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	13-8 / 56-40
5-3 / 51-47	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	3-3 / 10-19
5-0 / 41-29	YTD / CAREER CLAY W-L (MD) *	4-3 / 13-13
4-2 / 30-28	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	2-1 / 9-8
0-1 / 11-10	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	2-0 / 4-2
0-0 / 4-10	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	1-1 / 2-3
0-1 / 9-19	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	1-3 / 2-9
0-2 / 27-45		4-4 / 11-15

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### ROME Tournament Performance - 2020

"-Q" Qualifying match

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### ROME Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

#### CAMILA GIORGI

<b>2018</b>	R2-Q	L - DANIELLE COLLINS (USA #47)	2-6	6-4	6-2
<b>2015</b>	R1	L - JELENA JANKOVIC (SRB #20)	7-5	7-5	
<b>2014</b>	R2	L - CHRISTINA MCHALE (USA #63)	1-6	6-3	6-1
<b>2008</b>	R1-Q	L - JILL CRAYBAS (USA #63)	3-6	6-2	7-6(1)

#### DAYANA YASTREMSKA

<b>2019</b>	R1	L - CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO (ESP #31)	6-4	1-6	6-3
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## **GIORGI:**

### **Rome**

- Making third appearance here in Rome as a wildcard (fifth overall)
- Best result at home tournament was 2r run on maiden main draw appearance in 2014 (l. McHale)
- One of three Italian players in the main draw, joined by fellow wildcards Paolini and Cocciaretto
- Faces No.29 Yastremska in today's opening match; recently defeated the young Ukrainian, saving two match points in the second set to triumph at 2020 Palermo
- Missed entire clay court season last year w/wrist and ankle injuries

### **Season**

- Made 2r showing at US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka)
- Upon tennis return, reached SF at Palermo (d. No.25 Yastremska, l. eventual champion Ferro) and R16 at Prague (l. eventual R-Up Mertens)
- Before the Tour's hiatus, fell in qualifying at Dubai and Doha before enjoying a QF run at Lyon (l. Kasatkina)
- Advanced to 3r at Australian Open (l. Kerber)
- Opened 2020 season by reaching 1r through qualifying at Auckland (l. eventual champion S.Williams) and fell in qualifying at Hobart

### **Grand Slam History**

- 2020 US Open marks 31st career Grand Slam main draw
- Best result across the majors was reaching QF at 2018 Wimbledon (l. S.Williams)
- Also reached R16 at 2012 Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. A.Radwanska) and at 2013 US Open (l. Vinci)
- Made 3r at Wimbledon in 2013 (l. eventual champion Bartoli) and 2015 (l. Wozniacki), Australian Open in 2015 (l. V.Williams), 2019 (l. Ka.Pliskova) and 2020 (l. Kerber), and 2018 Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Stephens)
- Made tour-level debut at Wimbledon in 2011 (as qualifier, l. Pironkova in 1r)

### **Career Highlights**

- Finished 2019 ranked No.98
- Highlights were R-Up finishes at Washington DC (l. Pegula) and the Bronx (l. Linette); these were her first final losses, with career record in WTA finals slipping to 2-6
- Missed entire clay court season w/wrist and ankle injuries
- Lost both her matches (l. Golubic, Bencic) as Italy fell to a 3-1 defeat to Switzerland in last week's Fed Cup World Group II encounter. Her previous appearance in the team competition came in 2016
- Ended 2018 season perched at a career-best ranking of No.26, winning second career title in final event at Linz (d. Alexandrova in F). Won 29 tour-level matches in 2018 – the most wins she had previously posted in a single season was 28, in 2014
- Advanced to first Grand Slam QF at 2018 Wimbledon (l. eventual R-Up S.Williams) on her 26th appearance at this level; became the first Italian woman to reach the QF of Wimbledon since 2009 (Schiafone, l. Dementieva)
- Other highlights last season included SF runs at Sydney (l. eventual champion Kerber), Prague (l. Buzarnescu after serving for match in third set) and Tokyo (l. Osaka)
- Posted sixth consecutive Top 100 season, finishing 2017 ranked No.79 (up from No.83 in 2017)
- In 2016 reached final at Katowice for the third year in a row (l. Cibulkova). Appeared in four additional quarterfinals in 2016, at Hobart (l. Bouchard), Prague (l. Ka.Pliskova), Washington, DC (l. Davis) and Seoul (l. Zhang)



- Won first career title at 2015 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Bencic in F).
- Finished 2015 season with then best year-end ranking (No.34), up one place from No.35 in 2014. Season highlighted by winning her first WTA singles title at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Bencic in F)
- Had never reached WTA QF prior to 2014; reached QF or better at seven events during that season
- Made Top 100 debut on July 9, 2012 and broke into
- Top 50 on May 26, 2014
- Tour-level main draw debut came as a qualifier at 2011 Wimbledon
- On ITF Circuit, winner of five singles titles
- Played first career professional tournament at 2006 ITF/Baku-AZE

### **Personal**

- Coached by father, Sergio Giorgi
- Favorite book is The Diary of Anne Frank
- Mother Claudia is a fashion designer

## **YASTREMSKA:**

### **Rome**

- Making second appearance here in Rome
- Suffered 1r exit on only previous run in 2019 (l. Suarez Navarro)
- Faces No.69 Giorgi for their third career meeting; looking to avenge QF loss to the then-No.71 Italian at Palermo, her worst loss by ranking so far this season
- Enters tournament ranked No.29, eight spots off career-high ranking of No.21, which she set the week of January 20 following R-Up finish at Adelaide
- After a slow start to last year's clay season, falling 1r at Istanbul, Madrid and Rome, went on to capture her third career WTA title at Strasbourg (d. Garcia in F)

### **Season**

- Coming off 2r exit at US Open (l. Brengle)
- Made 3r run at Western & Southern Open (d. V.Williams in 1r, l. eventual R-Up Osaka)
- In first event of tour's resumption, made QF career WTA QF at Palermo (l. Giorgi, having held 2MP)
- Highlight of opening months of season reaching first Premier-level SF and then F at Adelaide (l. Barty in F). Posted three Top 20 wins en route, over No.18 Kerber, No.20 Vekic and No.12 Sabalenka
- Also made 3r at Doha (d. No.5 Kenin, l. Muguruza) and 2r at Australian Open (l. Wozniacki). Fell 1r at Brisbane (l. Bertens) and Dubai (l. Kudermetova)
- In February, won all three singles rubbers to help Ukraine see off Estonia, Croatia and Bulgaria to earn a trip to Japan for the rescheduled Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Play-offs for a place in the 2022 Qualifiers

### **Grand Slam History**

- Advanced to second week of a major for the first time at 2019 Wimbledon, falling to S.Zhang in R16
- Reached 3r at 2019 US Open (l. Svitolina) and 2019 Australian Open (l. S.Williams)
- Made 1r exit at 2019 Roland Garros (l. Suárez Navarro) in first appearance in Paris
- Runner-up in 2016 Wimbledon junior girls' event (l. Potapova)

### **Career Highlights**

- Posted second Top 100 and first Top 30 season finish in 2019, at No.22
- Captured two WTA singles titles in 2019 at Hua Hin (d. Tomljanovic in F after trailing 5-2 in third set) and Strasbourg (d. Garcia after saving 1mp)
- Advanced to QF at 2019 Wuhan, where she recorded maiden Top 5 win against No.2 Ka.Pliskova in R16 (l. Kvitova), and made Grand Slam breakthrough with R16 run at 2019 Wimbledon (l. Zhang)
- Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai in 2019, going 1-1 in RR stage (d. No.20 Vekic, l. eventual R-Up Bertens) and reached maiden doubles final, at Beijing (w/Ostapenko, l. Kenin/Mattek-Sands)
- Posted first Top 100 season in 2018, at No.60, winning first career title at Hong Kong (d. Q.Wang in F)
- Also in 2018, reached SF at Luxembourg (l. Bencic), 2r at New Haven (as qualifier, l. Goerges) and Charleston (as LL, l. Pera) and fell 1r at US Open (l. Muchova), Acapulco (as qualifier, l. Puig) Québec City (l. McHale) and Beijing (as qualifier, l. S.Zheng)
- Became first woman born in the 2000s to crack the Top 100 on the WTA rankings, debuting at No.100 (week of July 16, 2018)
- Won third ITF singles title in at \$60k ITF/Rome-ITA and reached two more finals in 2018•Posted first Top 200 season in 2017, at No.189 – rose more than 200 places during the year
- Won first WTA main draw match and reached first tour-level QF at 2017 Istanbul, defeating former World No.9 Petkovic en route (l. Cepelova)
- Made WTA main draw debut as a WC at 2016 Istanbul (l. Hibino in 1r)
- Played first matches of career on ITF Circuit in 2015
- In juniors, rose as high as No.6 in the world
- On ITF Circuit, winner of three singles titles and three doubles titles

### **Personal**

- Split with coach Sascha Bajin (former coach of Naomi Osaka and Kristina Mladenovic) following 2020 US Open; plans to announce new coach this November
- Previously coached by Olivier Jeunehomme
- Nominated for 2019 WTA Newcomer of the Year
- Born and resides in Odessa, Ukraine
- Trained as a junior in Istanbul, at Koza WOS



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## [10] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #17) vs. EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #29)

Head to Head: EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA leads 2-0

2020	NEW YORK	HARD O	R1	EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA	7-5	7-6(6)	98 mins
2020	SHENZHEN	HARD O	F	EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA	6-2	6-4	73 mins

ELENA RYBAKINA	WTA RANKING	EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA
17	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	29
5	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	15
17-06-1999 (21)	YTD PRIZE MONEY	15-11-1994 (25)
\$767,382	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$392,511
\$1,212,126	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	\$2,065,732
1 / 2	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	1 / 1
0 / 0	ROME W-L (MD) *	0 / 1
0-0	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	0-0
22-6 / 48-19	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	14-7 / 62-59
9-1 / 17-5	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	6-2 / 21-22
6-5 / 13-9	YTD / CAREER CLAY W-L (MD) *	2-3 / 11-18
0-0 / 9-4	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	1-2 / 7-16
2-0 / 4-2	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	1-1 / 8-4
1-2 / 1-3	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 1-5
2-3 / 4-4	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-2 / 2-10
4-3 / 6-6		1-2 / 5-14

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### ROME Tournament Performance - 2020

"-Q" Qualifying match

Rnd	Result	Duration	Rnd	Result	Duration
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### ROME Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

#### EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA

2019

R1-Q	L - MONA BARTHEL (GER #85)	6-3	3-6	6-4
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## **RYBAKINA:**

### **Rome**

- Making debut appearance at Internazionali BNL d'Italia as the No.10 seed
- Faces Alexandrova in 1r today in their third meeting of 2020, having fallen to the Russian in Shenzhen final this January and in 1r at Western & Southern Open
- Owns the second most wins on Tour this season (22), behind Mertens (23)
- Has hit a Tour-leading 155 aces in 2020, ahead of Muguruza (128) and Kr.Pliskova (125)
- Playing this week ranked No.18 – one spot shy from her a career high ranking of No.17 (achieved on February 24, 2020 – following R-Up finish at Dubai)
- Last year on clay, won first WTA title at Bucharest (d.Tig in F) after claiming back-to-back ITF titles at \$25K ITF/Moscow-RUS (d. Poznikhirenko in F) and \$25K ITF/Kazan-RUS (d. U.Radwanska in F). At Roland Garros, fell in final round of qualifying (l. Flink)

### **Season**

- Coming off 2r showing at US Open (l. Rogers) after a 1r exit at Western & Southern Open (l. Alexandrova)
- In final tournament prior to tour's hiatus, withdrew w/abductor strain prior to 3r match vs. No.1 Barty at Doha
- Earlier in February was R-Up at Dubai (l. Halep); en route, upset No.7 Kenin and No.3 Ka.Pliskova to score third and fourth career wins over Top 10 players
- Was also R-Up at St. Petersburg (l. Bertens) – first final appearance at a Premier-level tournament; made Top 20 debut at No.19 following run in Russia (February 17)
- Recorded career-best run at a Grand Slam by advancing to 3r at the Australian Open (l. Barty) – posted back-to-back victories at a major for the first time after two straight sets victories over Pera in 1r and Minnen in 2r
- Opened 2020 season with back-to-back final runs, first reaching the championship match at Shenzhen (l. Alexandrova) before claiming a second career title at Hobart (d. S.Zhang in F)

### **Career**

- Finished 2019 season at No.37 to record first Top 50 finish of her career, up from 2018's final ranking of No.191
- During a breakout 2019 season, lifted maiden WTA singles title at Bucharest (d. Tig in F). Also advanced to second career final at Nanchang (l. Peterson) and made SF appearances at Luxembourg (l. Goerges) and 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Bertens)
- Additionally, made QF runs at Istanbul (l. Strycova), Wuhan (l. Sabalenka) and Linz (l. Ostapenko)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros, falling 1r (as qualifier, l. Siniakova). Also fell 1r at 2019 US Open (as qualifier, l. Muchova)
- On the ITF Circuit in 2019, lifted silverware on three occasions; back-to-back at \$25k Moscow-RUS and \$25k Kazan-RUS and at \$60k ITF/Launceston-AUS. Now holds four singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (l. Goerges) and clinching title at \$15k ITF/Kazan-RUS
- First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg. Has since added three more: No.6 Halep (2019 Wuhan), No.7 Kenin and No.3 Ka.Pliskova (both 2020 Dubai)

- Ended 2017 ranked No.425, improving 191 spots from 2016 (finished at No.616)
- Holds four singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Made WTA qualifying and main draw debut at 2017 Moscow (as qualifier, I. Begu in 1r)
- Professional debut came at \$10k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2014

### **Grand Slam History**

- Contested her fourth career Grand Slam main draw at 2020 US Open
- Best result at the majors was reaching 3r at 2020 Australian Open (I. Barty)
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros (as qualifier, I. Siniakova)
- Also made 1r exit at 2019 US Open (as qualifier, I. Muchova)
- Contested qualifying at Wimbledon in 2019
- As a junior, reached two Grand Slam SFs at 2017 Australian Open and Roland Garros

### **Personal**

- Trained at Spartak Club in Moscow as a junior
- Coached by Stefano Vukov; previous coaches included Andrei Cheshnokov (Elena Vesnina's former coach) and Evgenia Kulikovskaya
- Nominated for 2019 WTA Newcomer of the Year Award
- Started playing tennis aged five

## **ALEXANDROVA:**

### **Rome**

- Making main draw debut at Internazionali BNL d'Italia, having fallen in qualifying last year (I. Barthel)
- Faces No.18 Rybakina in 1r today; broke the Kazakh No.1 six times to triumph in the final at Shenzhen this January and lift her maiden WTA title. Also defeated her last month in 1r at Western & Southern Open in two grueling sets
- Owns five career Top 20 wins, over No.10 Ostapenko (2018 Seoul), No.13 Wozniacki (2019 Indian Wells), No.13 Bencic (2019 Eastbourne), No.5 Halep (2019 Beijing) and No.17 Rybakina (Western & Southern Open)
- Currently top-ranked of eight Russians in Top 100; sits at No.31, six places off career high (set on February 17, 2020)
- During last year's clay court swing, best results were reaching 3r at Roland Garros (d. Buzarnescu and Stosur, I. Bolsova) and 2r at Nurnberg (I. Kudermetova). Fell in 1r at Lugano and Prague, and in qualifying at Stuttgart, Madrid and Rome
- Since returning to the court in recent weeks, played two clay events - fell 2r at Palermo (I. Ferro) and 1r at Prague (I. Tsurenko)
- During the tour's hiatus, played several exhibition events in Prague alongside, among others, Ka.Pliskova and Vondrousova

### **Season**

- Coming off back-to-back 2r showings at Western & Southern Open (I. McHale) and US Open (d. Clijsters, I. McNally)
- Fell 2r at Palermo (I. Ferro) and 1r at Prague (I. Tsurenko)

- Opened 2020 season by winning first tour-level WTA singles title at Shenzhen (d. Rybakina in F, having dispatched seeds Wang (QF) and Muguruza (SF) along the way)
- Extended winning streak to seven by advancing to 3r at Australian Open (l. Kvitova) – was seeded for the first time at a major (No.25)
- One of three maiden title winners in 2020 – also Brady (Lexington) and Tig (Istanbul)
- Won both singles rubbers (d. Bogdan and Ruse) as Russia beat Romania in Cluj-Napoca to reach next year's Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Finals
- In February reached maiden Premier-level SF at St. Petersburg (l. Bertens) and fell 1r at Doha (l. Anisimova); rose to career-high ranking of No.25 after St. Petersburg run (February 17, 2020)

### **Career Milestones**

- Posted first Top 40 season finish in 2019, at No.35 (up from No.93 the year prior)
- Registered 30 tour-level match wins during 2019, in which she reached SF at Budapest, Seoul and Linz and made QF at St. Petersburg, 's-Hertogenbosch, Eastbourne and Moscow. Also advanced to 3r at a major for the first time, at Roland Garros
- Made Top 50 debut after QF run at 's-Hertogenbosch (June 17, 2019)
- Other highlights in 2019 included upset of No.5 Halep en route to R16 at Beijing – the first win of her career over a Top 5 player – and 3r showing at Roland Garros
- Won first WTA doubles title at 2019 Budapest (w/Zvonareva)
- Reached maiden WTA final at 2018 Linz (l. Giorgi). Other notable results in 2018 were QF run at Seoul (d. No.10 Ostapenko en route for her first career Top 10 win) and lifted WTA 125K Series title at Limoges for second time
- Made Top 100 debut at No.93 after winning title at \$60K ITF/Shenzhen-CHN (March 20, 2017)
- Won WTA 125K Series title at Limoges in 2016 (d. Garcia in F). Also in 2016 reached 2r at Wimbledon (won her way through qualifying, on first attempt to qualify at any Slam, upsetting No.23 seed Ivanovic in 1r)
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2016 Katowice (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Giorgi)
- Contested qualifying for the first time at a WTA-level tournament at 2014 Bad Gastein
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in 2011

### **Grand Slam History**

- Contested 15th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 US Open
- Matched best Grand Slam result to date this year by reaching 3r at Australian Open (d. Teichmann and Krejckova, l. Kvitova)
- Also reached 3r at 2019 Roland Garros (d. Buzarnescu and Stosur, l. Bolsova)
- Made Grand Slam debut at 2016 Wimbledon – defeated No.23 seed Ivanovic before falling to Friedsam in 2r
- Competed in all four majors for the first time in career in 2017, falling in 1r at Australian Open (l. compatriot Makarova) and Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Muguruza) and advancing to 2r at Roland Garros (l. Ka.Pliskova) and US Open (l. Garcia)

### **Personal**

- Coached by Vojtech Flegl and her father, Evgeny Alexandrov, who both travel with her
- Born in Chelyabinsk, Russia, and began playing tennis at age six; remembers playing on holiday at Spain. Now trains in Prague, Czech Republic
- Favorite surface is hard and admires Serena Williams



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## AMANDA ANISIMOVA (USA #27) vs. [16] DONNA VEKIC (CRO #28)

Head to Head: 0-0

AMANDA ANISIMOVA	WTA RANKING	DONNA VEKIC
27		28
63	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	53
31-08-2001 (19)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	28-06-1996 (24)
\$145,965	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$200,806
\$1,706,115	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$4,248,202
0 / 1	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 2
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
1-1	ROME W-L (MD) *	1-2
8-5 / 42-25	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	8-8 / 132-134
2-2 / 9-13	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	3-1 / 36-46
1-1 / 8-3	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 28-35
0-0 / 11-4	YTD / CAREER CLAY W-L (MD) *	1-1 / 18-21
0-0 / 3-4	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 10-10
0-0 / 1-3	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 3-8
1-1 / 3-7	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 7-21
2-1 / 6-10	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 10-40

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### ROME Tournament Performance - 2020

"-Q" Qualifying match

Rnd	Result	Duration	Rnd	Result	Duration
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### ROME Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

#### AMANDA ANISIMOVA

2019
R2 L - KIKI BERTENS (NED #4) 6-2 4-6 7-5

#### DONNA VEKIC

2018
R2 L - MADISON KEYS (USA #14) 7-6(2) 7-6(0)

2017
R1 L - CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #24) 7-6(2) 3-6 7-6(6)

2016
R1-Q L - JOHANNA LARSSON (SWE #60) 7-5 6-2



## **ANISIMOVA:**

### **Rome**

- Making second main draw appearance at Rome, having reached 2r on her debut here last year (as LL, l. Bertens)
- Faces No.28 Vekic today in their career first meeting. Is 3-2 against Top 30 ranked players this season, with wins coming over No.26 Alexandrova and No.7 Svitolina (both at Doha). Fell to No.10 S.Williams (Auckland) and No.22 Sakkari (US Open)
- Enjoyed best clay court swing in 2019, clinching her career first WTA title at Bogota (d. Sharma in F) and reaching SF stage at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Barty). Defeated No.11 Sabalenka and the defending champion Halep en route to final four in Paris
- Currently ranked No.27 – six spots shy of her career high (achieved on October 21, 2019)
- Celebrated her 19th birthday on August 31

### **Season**

- Coming off 3r showing at US Open (l. Sakkari) and 2r at Western & Southern Open (l. Pegula)
- Defeated No.19 Riske in just over an hour (71 minutes) at Cincinnati event to record sixth career Top 20 win, also No.9 Kvitova (2018 Indian Wells), No.11 Sabalenka (2019 Australian Open), No.11 Sabalenka (2019 Roland Garros), No.3 Halep (2019 Roland Garros) and No.7 Svitolina (2020 Doha)
- Prior to the Tour's hiatus, last event played was Doha, where she withdrew prior to 3r match vs. Kuznetsova (w/gastrointestinal illness)
- Upset No.7 Svitolina in 2r ay Doha to record her first Top 10 win of the season and third overall, also No.9 Kvitova at 2018 Indian Wells and No.3 Halep at 2019 Roland Garros
- Made 1r exits at Australian Open (l. Diyas) and Dubai (l. Strycova, having led 3-1 in third set)
- Kicked off 2020 campaign by reaching SF at Auckland (l. eventual champion S.Williams) – her first time reaching the final four of a tournament since 2019 Roland Garros (l. Barty)

### **Career Milestones**

- Highlight of 2019 season was winning maiden title at Bogotá (d. Sharma in F); at 17y 222d was the youngest American to win a title since S.Williams at 1999 Indian Wells (17y 169d)
- Finished 2019 ranked No.24 – the youngest of three teenagers in the Top 50 (also Andreescu and Yastremska). Other standout performances included SF run at Roland Garros – first player (man or woman) born in 2000s to advance to this stage of a major – QF showings at Mallorca and San Jose, and R16 appearance at Australian Open – at 17 years and five months old, was the youngest player to reach R16 at a Slam since Paszek at 2007 US Open (16 yrs 277 days)
- Scored maiden win over a Top 5 player during 2019 Roland Garros, upsetting No.3 and defending champion Halep in QF
- Made Top 100 debut at No.95 on September 17, 2018, after reaching first WTA final at Hiroshima (as qualifier, l. Hsieh)
- Also in 2018, upset No.9 Kvitova to become the joint-youngest player to reach R16 at Indian Wells, along with Majoli, who made SF in 1994 (both aged 16 years, 199 days)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2017 Miami (l. Townsend in 3s), with Grand Slam bow coming at 2017 Roland Garros. Also in 2017, reached four ITF Circuit finals, winning \$60k ITF/Sacramento, CA-USA and finishing R-Up at \$25k ITF/Curtiba-BRA, \$80k ITF/Indian Harbour Beach, FL-USA and \$60k ITF/Dothan, AL-USA
- In juniors, won US Open girls' singles in 2017 and was R-Up at 2016 Roland Garros
- Reached No.2 in junior world rankings

## **Grand Slam History**

- Has played in seven Grand Slam main draws, most recently 2020 US Open
- Produced best Slam showing at 2019 Roland Garros, becoming the first player born in 2000s – man or woman – to reach a Grand Slam SF (l. eventual champion Barty)
- Best previous result was a R16 run at 2019 Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Kvitova)
- At 17 years and five months old, was the youngest player to reach R16 at Melbourne Park since Vaidisova in 2006 (16 yrs 281 days), and across all Slams since Paszek at 2007 US Open (16 yrs 277 days)
- Also the youngest American to reach this stage of a Slam since S.Williams at 1998 Roland Garros (16y 254d) and at Australian Open since Capriati in 1993
- Advanced to 3r at 2020 US Open (l. Sakkari)
- Fell 1r on Slam main draw debut at 2017 Roland Garros (as WC, l. Nara, having led 6-3 4-2)
- In juniors, won US Open girls' singles in 2017 and was R-Up at 2016 Roland Garros

## **Personal**

- Coached by Jaime Cortez and Andis Juska, while fitness trainer is Yutaka Nakamura
- Mother is Olga and father is Konstantin (deceased), both parents were born and raised in Moscow; sister Maria Anisimova-Egee played tennis at University of Pennsylvania and now lives in New York
- Born in New Jersey but moved to Miami at age of 3

## **VEKIC:**

### **Rome**

- Making third main draw appearance at Internazionali BNL d'Italia (fourth overall)
- Won her first match in Rome in 2018 (as qualifier, d. Suarez Navarro, l. Keys). Fell 1r in 2017 (l. Garcia) and made qualifying exit in 2016
- Did not play here in 2019 due to a right hip injury
- Faces No.27 Anisimova today. Looking for her second Top 30 win of the season, having previously defeated No.23 Sakkari (Adelaide). Fell to No.24 Yastremska (Adelaide) and No.28 Alexandrova (St. Petersburg)
- Went 7-3 on clay in 2019, reaching QF at Stuttgart (l. Osaka), R16 at Madrid (l. Martic) and R16 at Roland Garros (l. Konta)
- Enters Rome ranked No.28. Achieved a career high of No.19 on November 4, 2019

### **Season**

- Coming off 3r showing at US Open (l. Pironkova) and 1r exit at Western & Southern Open (l. eventual champion Azarenka)
- Returned to tennis following the hiatus at Palermo, making 2r (l. Cocciaretto)
- Prior to Tour's hiatus, reached R16 at St. Petersburg (l. Alexandrova) and fell 1r at Doha (l. Swiatek)
- Standout results of the early 2020 season were a QF run at Adelaide (l. Yastremska) and 3r showing at Australian Open (l. Swiatek), her best result at Melbourne Park
- Also posted 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Putintseva)

### **Career Milestones**

- Ended 2019 ranked No.19 for career-best year-end finish (up from No.34 in 2018)
- Cracked the WTA Top 20 for the first time on October 21, 2019
- Produced career best Grand Slam result at US Open, where she reached QF (l. Bencic)
- Reached biggest final of career at Premier-level St. Petersburg (l. Bertens)
- Posted best win of career by ranking – and third over a Top 5 opponent –with defeat of No.2 Kvitova en route to St. Petersburg QF, bettering victories over No.4 Stephens at 2018 Wimbledon and No.4 Garcia at 2018 Tokyo [PPO]
- Grass court season saw her reach final at Nottingham (l. Garcia in thirdset tie-break)
- Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai, however fell in RR stage
- Ended 2018 at then-career-high ranking of No.34, after registering 31 tour-level wins
- 2018 season highlighted by R-Up finish at Washington, DC (l. Kuznetsova after holding 4mp) – her first finals appearance since winning 2017 Nottingham
- Also made SF showings at Nottingham and Tokyo [PPO] and reached Grand Slam R16 for first time at Wimbledon (l. Goerges)
- Enjoyed a resurgent year in 2017, cracking the Top 50 in the week of July 24 and finishing campaign ranked No.54
- Grass court season highlighted by winning second WTA singles title of career, at Nottingham –d. No.8 Konta. Until this title run, had not posted back-to-back main draw wins since September 2015 (run to final at Tashkent)
- Reached two ITF finals at the end of 2016 season, winning the title at \$100k ITF/Sharm ElSheikh-EGY
- Posted just four main draw wins across 2016, defeating Al Nabhani at Doha, Riske at Kaohsiung, Ivanovic at Cincinnati and Zhang at Tianjin
- Highlights in 2015 included reaching final at Tashkent (l.Hibino) and QF at Baku
- When she won first career singles title at 2014 Kuala Lumpur, aged 17 yrs 10 mos, became youngest player to win a WTA singles title since 2006 Bangkok (Vania King)
- Reached first WTA career final at 2012 Tashkent. In what was her first WTA main draw appearance, became youngest WTA finalist since 15-year-old Paszek won Portoroz in 2005. Also finished runner-up on grass at 2013 Birmingham (l. Hantuchova) and 2015 Tashkent (l. Hibino). Including 2019 St. Petersburg and 2019 Nottingham, owns a 2-6 record in singles finals
- Broke into Top 100 (at No.93) on January 28, 2013 Has won five ITF Circuit singles and one doubles title
- Member of Croatian Fed Cup Team, 2012-15, 2017, 2019

### **Grand Slam History**

- 2020 US Open marked her 27th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- At 2019 US Open, posted her best Slam result, reaching the QF (l. Bencic)
- Has reached R16 at 2018 Wimbledon (l. Goerges) and 2019 Roland Garros (l. Konta)
- At Australian Open, reached 3r in 2020 (l. Swiatek)

### **Personal**

- Both parents played professional sports: mother, Brankica (track hurdler) and father, Igor (soccer goalkeeper)
- Currently working with Nikola Horvat, having split with coach Torben Beltz during the tour's hiatus. Dario Novak is also part of coaching team Favorite surface is hard
- Speaks Croatian, English and Italian
- Self-described as strong-willed, determined and extremely competitive



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## SU-WEI HSIEH (TPE #62) vs. [11] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #20)

Head to Head: ELISE MERTENS leads 2-1

2019	OSAKA	HARD O	R16	ELISE MERTENS	6-3	1-6	6-2	114 mins
2018	TIANJIN	HARD O	QF	SU-WEI HSIEH	6-2	4-0		66 mins
2018	RABAT	CLAY O	SF	ELISE MERTENS	6-0	6-2		57 mins

SU-WEI HSIEH	WTA RANKING	ELISE MERTENS
62		20
315	<b>PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD</b>	9
04-01-1986 (34)	<b>DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)</b>	17-11-1995 (24)
\$421,954	<b>YTD PRIZE MONEY</b>	\$417,264
\$8,511,824	<b>CAREER PRIZE MONEY</b>	\$6,373,909
0 / 3	<b>SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)</b>	0 / 5
3 / 27	<b>DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)</b>	0 / 9
1-3	<b>ROME W-L (MD) *</b>	0-1
0-5 / 142-159	<b>YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *</b>	23-8 / 139-80
0-1 / 61-51	<b>YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *</b>	5-3 / 40-29
0-0 / 34-43	<b>YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *</b>	3-3 / 26-31
0-0 / 20-31	<b>YTD / CAREER CLAY W-L (MD) *</b>	4-2 / 37-16
0-0 / 14-18	<b>YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *</b>	2-0 / 14-3
0-0 / 4-11	<b>YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD &amp; Q) *</b>	1-2 / 4-10
0-0 / 7-25	<b>YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD &amp; Q) *</b>	0-3 / 6-18
0-2 / 15-47	<b>YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD &amp; Q) *</b>	0-4 / 13-38

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### ROME Tournament Performance - 2020

"-Q" Qualifying match

Rnd	Result	Duration	Rnd	Result	Duration
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### ROME Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

#### SU-WEI HSIEH

Year	Rnd	Opponent (Country #)	Score
2019	R1	L - JULIA GOERGES (GER #18)	6-3 6-4
	R2	L - JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #22)	6-0 6-4
2018	R2-Q	L - JOHANNA LARSSON (SWE #60)	6-3 6-4
	R1	L - SAMANTHA STOSUR (AUS #10)	6-2 6-3
2012	R2-Q	L - SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #92)	6-2 6-4

#### ELISE MERTENS

Year	Rnd	Opponent (Country #)	Score
2019	R1	L - VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #50)	7-5 3-6 7-6(4)



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R2-Q L - JILL CRAYBAS (USA #93)

6-2 6-1

### HSIEH

#### Rome

- Making fourth main draw appearance at Rome (seventh overall)
- Best result here is reaching 2r in 2018 (d. Sabalenka, I. Konta)
- Also a former doubles champion here in 2009 and 2013 (both w/S.Peng)
- This marks her first event since the Tour's five-month hiatus
- Faces No.20 Mertens today in their fourth career meeting, most recently falling to the Belgian last year at Osaka
- Owns 15 career wins over Top 20 ranked players (0-4 in 2020), capturing nine of those wins across the 2019 season over No.11 Sevastova, No.7 Kerber, No.5 Ka.Pliskova (all at Dubai), No.1 Osaka, No.13 Wozniacki (both at Miami), No.16 Q.Wang (Stuttgart), No.10 Sabalenka (Birmingham), No.17 Q.Wang (Cincinnati) and No.18 Wozniacki (Wuhan)
- Bidding for her first main draw singles win of 2020, having fallen in 1r at Brisbane, Adelaide, Australian Open, Dubai and Doha
- Highlight of 2019 clay swing was reaching QF at Rabat (I. Konta). Also made 2r showings at Stuttgart (I. Osaka) and Roland Garros (I. Petkovic) and fell 1r at Madrid (I. Garcia) and Rome (I. Goerges)

#### Season

- Prior to Tour's five-month hiatus, fell 1r at Doha however captured third doubles title of 2020 that week (w/Strycova, d. Ostapenko/Dabrowski in F); now holds 27-14 career record in doubles finals
- As qualifier, fell 1r at Dubai (I. Martic) however lifted the doubles trophy (w/Strycova, d. Krejciikova/S.Zheng in F)
- At Australian Open, fell in 1r in singles (I. Putintseva) and reached doubles championship match (w/Strycova, I. Babos/Mladenovic in F)
- Opened 2020 campaign with 1r exit at Brisbane (I. Kontaveit) however, captured 25th career WTA doubles title alongside Strycova (d. Barty/Bertens in 3s final)
- Also fell 1r at Adelaide (I. Sabalenka in 3s)

#### Career

- Ended 2019 ranked No.32, down from No.28 in 2018
- Singles season highlighted by SF runs at Auckland (I. Andreescu) and Dubai (I. Kvitova), and QF at Miami (I. Kontaveit)
- Reached as high as No.24 in 2019 – one spot shy from her career-high of No.23 (achieved on February 25, 2013)
- Enjoyed great success in doubles in 2019, winning her third Grand Slam doubles trophy at Wimbledon (w/Strycova)
- Captured three additional doubles titles w/Strycova at Dubai, Madrid and Birmingham and finished as R-Up at WTA Finals Shenzhen (I. Babos/Mladenovic) and Osaka (I. Chan/Chan)

- Won third WTA singles title at 2018 Hiroshima – others both coming in 2012 at Kuala Lumpur (as qualifier, d. Martić in F) and Guangzhou (d. Robson in F)
- Other highlights of 2018 season were SF runs Auckland (l. eventual champion Goerges), Rabat (l. eventual champion Mertens), Seoul (l. Tomljanovic) and Tianjin (.Garcia). Also made QF at Strasbourg (l. Buzarnescu) and equaled best Grand Slam result by reaching R16 at Australian Open and Wimbledon
- Stunned No.1 Halep at 2018 Wimbledon for first win over reigning No.1
- Returned to Top 30 on September 17, 2018 for the first time since reaching career high of No.23 on February 25, 2013
- Reached QF at Nanchang (l. Y.Wang) in 2017 and concluded season with runner-up effort at WTA 125K Series event at Hua Hin (l. Bencic)
- 2016 season highlights included SF run at Kaohsiung (l. Doi) and QF showing at Prague (l. eventual champion Safarova)
- Just second player from Chinese Taipei to win a tour-level singles title (Wang Shi-Ting won six titles in 1990s)
- Became first player from Chinese Taipei (male or female) to achieve the No.1 doubles ranking on May 12, 2014 – held top spot for five weeks
- Owns 25-13 record in doubles finals, with most recent title coming at 2020 Brisbane (w/Strycova)
- Qualified for 2012 Tournament of Champions-Sofia (went 1-2 in round robin play)
- Won three Grand Slams - two w/Peng and one w/Strycova and qualified twice for WTA Finals, emerging as champions in 2013 (w/Peng, d. Makarova/Vesnina in F) and runners-up in 2014 (w/Peng, l. Black/Mirza in F) and 2019 (w/Strycova, l. Babos/Mladenovic)
- On ITF Circuit, winner of 26 singles titles and 23 doubles titles
- Played first professional tournament at ITF level in New Zealand in 2001; started career by winning first 33 matches (mix of ITF and tour level)

### **Grand Slam History**

- Has reached R16 on three occasions, at the Australian Open in 2018 (l. Kerber) and 2008 (as qualifier, l. Henin), and Wimbledon in 2018 (l. Cibulkova)
- Made 3r at 2017 Roland Garros (l. Garcia) and 2r at US Open on four occasions
- Winner of three Slam doubles titles – 2014 Roland Garros (w/Peng, d. Errani/Vinci in final), 2013 Wimbledon (w/Peng, d. Barty/Dellacqua in final) and 2019 Wimbledon (w/Strycova, d. Dabrowski/Xu in final)

### **Personal**

- Has six siblings. Brother (Cheng-peng) and sister (Yu-chieh) both play on the professional Tour
- Introduced to tennis by dad (Hsieh Tze-Lung) at age 5; mother is Ho Fom-Ju
- Idolized Steffi Graf and Andre Agassi growing up

## **MERTENS:**

### **Rome**

- Making second main draw appearance at Rome, where she fell 1r in 2019 (l. V.Williams)
- Saved eight match points against V.Williams in 2019 before eventually falling to the American
- Faces No.62 Hsieh today. In their career first meeting, defeated today's opponent on clay en route to 2018 Rabat title
- Has fallen to players ranked below today's opponent twice in 2020 – l. No.101 Watson (Hobart) and No.104 Sasnovich (Palermo)

- Holds a Tour-leading 23 match wins this season, ahead of Rybakina with 22 and Kontaveit with 19
- During last year's clay court season posted 4-6 record, highlighted by 3r showing at Roland Garros (I. Sevastova). Two others wins on clay last year came at Rabat (I. eventual champion Sakkari in QF). Fell in 2r at Charleston (following 1r bye, I. Kanepi), and 1r at Stuttgart (I. Kasatkina), Madrid (Schmiedlova) and Rome (I. V. Williams)
- Enters Rome ranked No.20. Returned to Top 20 after reaching SF at Western & Southern Open (I. Osaka)
- Thanks to results this week, is projected to return to Top 20 in the new rankings at No.18. Can move to No.17 by reaching the final and No.15 with the title

### **Season**

- As the No.16 seed, made QF at US Open (I. eventual R-Up Azarenka). Ousted the 2020 Australian Open champion Kenin in R16 to record her first Top 5 win since defeating No.3 Halep in 2019 Doha championship match
- Reached doubles QF at Flushing Meadows (as defending champions w/Sabalenka, I. eventual champions Siegemund/Zvonareva)
- Advanced to SF at Western & Southern Open (I. Osaka). Was seeded No.1 in doubles w/Sabalenka that week – withdrew prior to QF against Hradecka/Klepac w/left leg injury
- Fell 1r in the first week of the tour's return at Palermo (I. Sasnovich)
- Bounced back the following week at Prague, where she finished R-Up (I. Halep). Is now 5-2 in WTA singles finals
- Began the season with QF runs at Shenzhen (I. Rybakina) and Hobart (I. Watson – 3h 33m match is the longest so far in 2020) and R16 showing at Australian Open (I. Halep)
- In February made 2r exit in defense of Doha title (I. Putintseva) and also fell at this stage the previous week at Dubai (I. Sabalenka)

### **Career Milestones**

- Ended 2019 ranked No.17 for second consecutive Top 20 finish
- Singles highlight was winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final). Also beat No.8 Bertens and No.6 Kerber in Doha, doubling career total of Top 10 wins to six
- Advanced to QF at US Open for the first time (I. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s) and R16 at Wimbledon for the first time (I. Strycova, having led 6-4 5-2). Reached QF during defense of Rabat title (I. eventual champion Sakkari)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2020 - won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed 'Sunshine Double' in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang)
- Team qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Won three singles titles in 2018 (Hobart, Rabat and Lugano), one of six players on tour with three or more titles to their name that year - also Kvitová (5), Svitolina (4), Bertens (3), Halep (3) and Wozniacki (3)
- Also in 2018, advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (I. eventual champion Wozniacki), going on to post 46 main draw match wins across the campaign – only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitová (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 – first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish 2017 season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)

- Registered first Top 10 win of career over No.10 Cibulkova in 1r at 2017 Beijing
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 's-Hertogenbosch – made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach). Now has nine doubles titles – also 2017 Guangzhou (w/Schuurs), 2018 Hobart (w/Schuurs), 2018 Lugano (w/Flipkens), 2018 's-Hertogenbosch (w/Schuurs), 2018 Wuhan (w/Schuurs), 2019 Indian Wells-Miami double (w/Sabalenka) and 2019 US Open (w/Sabalenka)
- Played first tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Has 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010

### **Grand Slam History**

- Advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki),
- In 2019, reached QF at US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s) and R16 at Wimbledon (l. Strycova, having led 6-4 5-2) – the deepest run of her career at both tournaments (also at 2020 US Open)
- Has also reached R16 at Roland Garros in 2018 (l. eventual champion Halep)
- Won maiden major doubles title at 2019 US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F)

### **Personal**

- Working once again with former coach Robbe Ceyssens having recently worked with both David Taylor and Dieter Kindlmann
- Earlier coaching history includes Belgian federation until early teens, as well as a year at the Mouratoglou Academy
- Mother is Liliane Barbe (teaches languages and history); father is Guido Mertens (makes furniture for churches). Was home schooled, enjoyed studying languages
- Loves animals and has lots of pets at home, four dogs and a variety of birds (pheasants, peacocks, chickens, cranes)